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SUBJECT: MEXICO'S SIX YEAR FISHERY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

ON AUGUST 4 FERNANDO RAFFUL, CHIEF OF GOM DEPT. FISHERIES
AIRED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH PRES. LOPEZ PORTILLO
AND MEX. CONGRESS. FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE ON SUBJECT WHICH
APPEARED IN LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE "THE NEWS" FOLLOWS:
MEXICO'S FISHING INDUSTRY WILL ATTEMPT TO CLIMB FROM 28TH
IN WORLD PRODUCTION TO NUMBER FIVE BY 1982, THE
NATIONAL FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THURSDAY IN ANNOUNCING
A NEW, THREE-BILLION-PESO NATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM.

THE PLAN'S TARGET IS TO TRANSFORM MEXICO INTO A FISHING
NATION WITH THE CONSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF CAPACITY THROUGH
ORGANIZATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROPER FINANCING, THE
DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS THAT BY 1982 MEXICO WILL PRODUCE
TWO-MILLION 420,000 TONS OF FISH, OF WHICH 662,000 TONS
WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH SEA-FARMING AND THE REST, ONE
MILLION 758,000 TONS FROM THE OPEN SEA, PRIMARILY FROM
MEXICO'S 200-MILE TERRITORIAL WATER ECONOMIC ZONE.

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ONLY IN THE CASES OF TUNA, CODFISH, SQUID, CUTTLEFISH AND
HAKE WILL MEXICAN FISHERMEN HAVE TO VENTURE INTO INTER-
NATIONAL WATERS OR WILL TREATIES BE ESTABLISHED FOR
FISHING IN OTHER NATION'S WATERS, THE FISHERIES SPOKESMEN
SAID.

TWO FUNDAMENTAL POINTS WERE ESTABLISHED: THAT MAXIMUM
VOLUMES BE CAUGHT IN MEXICAN WATERS AND THAT MEXICO BEGIN

HEAVY FISHING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

SPOKESMEN SAID MEXICO'S FISH CONSUMPTION LEVEL WILL REACH
894,000 TONS IN 1980. CURRENTLY IT IS 229,000 TONS
ANNUALLY.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL WORK TO INTENSIFY FISHERIES PRODUCTION
OF SPECIES WHICH ARE UNDERDEVELOPED AT THE PRESENT TIME.

THESE INCLUDE ANCHOVY, SQUID, CUTTLEFISH, CRAWFISH
(LANGOSTILLA), AND HAKE.

THREE-BILLION-TWO-HUNDRED-MILLION PESOS WILL BE SPENT TO
AMPLIFY THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SEAFOODS TO REDUCE
CONCENTRATED CONSUMPTION, SPOKESMEN SAID. SPECIES WILL
INCLUDE SARDINE, ANCHOVY, OYSTER, SHARK, AND OCTOPUS.

THE STATES OF COLIMA, MICHOACAN, CHIAPAS, TAMAULIPAS,
VERACRUZ AND TABASCO WILL RECEIVE THE MAJOR IMPACT OF THE
PLAN.

THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT WILL BE POUCHED
TO STATE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. LUCEY

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